

Alresford Tennis Club

Constitution and Rules (Adopted 6th June 2017)

1. Title:

1.2 The name of the club shall be "The Alresford Tennis Club".

2. Purpose and Object:

2.1 The main purposes of the club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of tennis in Alresford.

3. Defined Terms:

3.1 In the rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time;

"LTA" means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;

"member" means a member of the Alresford Tennis Club;

"Rules" means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time;

"the club" means Alresford Tennis Club.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

5. Conditions of Membership:

5.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership:

(A) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time) ¹;

(B) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code ².

5.2 Rule 5.1 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from rule 4(1), should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

¹ This means that each member of the club agrees to be bound by the rules of the club.

² This means that each member of the club agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

- 5.3 The Management Committee may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule. Any person so concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Management Committee at their next meeting.

6. The Management Committee:

- 6.1 The authority and responsibilities for the transactions of the business of the club for its management shall be vested in a Management Committee who, in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred on them by these Rules, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the club is established other than those hereby expressly directed or required to be done by the Club in General meeting or reserved to the Trustees to be appointed under rule 7.
- 6.2 The club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion³.
- 6.3 The Management Committee shall meet no less than four times a year, or more as necessary.

7. Trustees:

- 7.1 The Management Committee may appoint Trustees as and when necessary.

8. Officers & Committee Members:

- 8.1 The Officers of the club shall be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Match Secretary and Membership Secretary.
- 8.2 These officers shall form the Management Committee with powers to co-opt more members in addition to the three ex officio elected members (see 12.3 (d)).
- 8.3 Each Committee member present at a Committee meeting shall be entitled to the exercise of one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the course of a casting vote. A simple majority will carry a resolution in committee. At all committee meetings there shall be a quorum of four and minutes shall be kept of all meetings and circulated to the Committee members by the next meeting and approved at that meeting.

9. Finances:

- 9.1 All monies of the club shall be banked by the treasurer or nominated committee member in the name of the Club at a bank approved by the Committee.
- 9.2 Cheques shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or other committee member as agreed by the management committee and all expenditure in excess of £250 shall be authorised by the committee.

³ This means that the members of the club's Management Committee need to agree to comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

⁴ This means that each club is expected to get their unlicensed and unregistered coaches; and, as far as is reasonably practicable, players who use their facilities to sign up to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

- 9.3 Any surplus or profit can only be used for the benefit of the club and will not be distributed to members or third parties except in the event of dissolution when surplus monies will be disposed of as per paragraph 16.2.

10. Use of the Club name and address:

- 10.1 The name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as their address for any trade advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings without the prior agreement in writing of the management Committee.

11. Coaches and Players:

- 11.1 The club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion ⁴.

12. Annual General Meeting:

- 12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of November in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee.
- 12.2 The Secretary shall give the minimum of 21 days notice in writing to members and items for the agenda and nominations for Club Officers should be received in writing by the Secretary 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
- 12.3 The Annual General Meeting shall:
- a. Receive from the committee a full statement of accounts, duly audited, showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 30th October.
 - b. Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the club during the said year.
 - c. Elect the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and Membership Secretary.
 - d. Elect three additional members to the committee, one of whom should represent the Junior Sub-Committee.
 - e. Appoint a member to represent the club on outside committees.
 - f. Elect the auditor.

13. Special General Meetings:

- 13.1 The Management Committee may summon a Special General meeting at any time provided that the Secretary shall give the minimum of 21 days notice in writing to the club members.

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- 13.2 A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary if requested to do so in writing by 20 paid-up members and the Secretary shall give 21 days notice in writing to members.
- 13.3 A quorum of 14 is required comprising at least four Committee members and the Chairman.

14. Voting at Annual General and Special General Meetings:

- 14.1 Only adult members may vote at the Annual and Special General Meetings.
- 14.2 A simple majority will decide a resolution unless it is to amend these Rules or Constitution when a two-thirds majority is required.
- 14.3 If a resolution not on the agenda for the meeting is made then it may be considered, if all members present agree, and if it is formally proposed and seconded. Otherwise, the wording of the resolution must be forwarded by post to all members and a postal ballot taken.

15. Alteration of Rules:

- 15.1 The Constitution and Rules may only be altered by Special Resolution at a Special General meeting.

16. Dissolution:

- 16.1 The club may be dissolved by a special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee or the Trustees or on the requisition of the majority of the members.
- 16.2 Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

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